Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the specification filed December 12, 2003 with the enclosed substitute specification (pp. 1-143).

Please insert the Sequence Listing (pp. 1-139) enclosed herewith.

Please insert the following <u>new</u> paragraph after the title:

This application is a continuation of United States Application No. 09/972,546, filed October 6, 2001, now abandoned, which claims benefit of United States Patent Application No. 60/238,361, filed October 6, 2000, both of which are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.